

FEBRUARY 1995

OPEN ARMS

NUMBER 2 VOL. 7

..... MICHIANA'S LESBIAN NEWSLETTER

FAREWELL TO FRIENDS



Linda and Mary will be leaving us early in February, relocating to another state because of job changes. They will be missed a great deal and the community at large will experience a tremendous loss.

Mary and Linda have contributed so much to our area. When 3rd. Friday Out was a new event, attended by only 3 or 4, these wimin faithfully attended, supported, and helped bring the event to one currently attended by nearly 30 wimin.

Both wimin have given so much support to our local Chapter of N.O.W., and this very newsletter, "Open Arms", owes a heartfelt appreciation to Linda and Mary. Without them, the paper could well have folded. Mary took on a leadership position at a crucial time and was instrumental in keeping "Open Arms" alive and well.

Besides the great service and support these wimin have been providing to numerous wimin's concerns, they have been good friends to many area wimin. Their wisdom, generosity, and unique humor will be missed profoundly.

We send our love with them, thank them for being there for us, and wish them great happiness.

We're going to miss you two!

O.A. Staff



LADY IRISH BASKETBALL

The team was off to a rough start going into conference play 1 and 6, however they are 7 and 0 in conference play. There is amazing depth on the bench as everyone plays, and the Freshmen and Sophomores show real promise which will be needed next year. The highlight of the year was 6'4" Katrynas' 34 points during the Cleveland State Game. There are only 3 games here in

FEBRUARY.

Fri., Feb. 10, Butler, 7 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 12, Illinois-Chicago, 6 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 25, Detroit, 12:30 p.m

MARCH

March 1, Xavier, 7 p.m.

If you like fast pace action, come on out. They're predicted to win the MCC Tournament, but how far they go from there is yet to be decided.

- Kaye

COMMUNITY EVENTS

VIDEO NIGHT

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH
A great story promoting Hospice Care.
Linda Laven & Tyne Daly

THE LAUNDROMAT

Carol Burnett



This promises to be a night of serious acting, even Carol plays a serious character, but the stories are thought provoking and very well done. I think you'll especially like Linda and Tyne together.

Gloria and Julie's NEW LOCATION

Call for directions: (616)-684-4011
Friday, February 10th
7:00 p.m.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP

Every Tuesday

* MEETS AT A NEW LOCATION *

7-9 p.m.

For info, write:

LSG

P.O.

Box 1281

Niles, MI 49120



EVENTS COORDINATORS

Third Friday Out: Jackie (219)-291-5837
Video Night: Gloria & Julie (616)-684-4011
Game Night:
Sunday Brunch: Kaye & Marcia (219)-271-0338

OPEN ARMS STAFF

Sheree	(616)-684-6365
Kaye & Marcia	(219)-271-0338
Advertising:	Kaye & Marcia
Subscriptions:	Kaye & Marcia

3RD FRIDAY OUT

Spageddies
Grape Road, Mishawaka
Friday, Feb 17th
7:00 p.m.



For reservations, call Jackie by Wednesday, Feb. 15th, at (219)-291-5837

DO YOUR FRIENDS KNOW ABOUT OPEN ARMS?

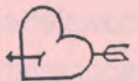
Ask your friends if they receive *Open Arms*. If they do not, let us know their name and address and we will send them a complimentary copy.

WRITERS TAKE NOTE...

We are gladly accepting articles, reviews and features that honestly capture our true lives. These can be mailed to Open Arms, P.O. Box 845, Mishawaka, IN 46546. Submissions received after the 10th of the month may not be published until the next month.

UP & COMING EVENTS

- 2/11 Forum: Discussion on Consumerism
- 2/18 Literary Exchange's 10th Anniversary
- 2/18 Lavender Morning Sweethearts Dance (Kalamazoo)
- 2/19 Sweet Honey in the Rock
- 3/4 Kalamazoo Womn's Festival
- 3/4 Ann Reed in Indy
- 6/1-4 Plan ahead - Nat. Women's Music Festival



PLEASE TYPE SUBMISSIONS IF POSSIBLE

If it is possible for you to type your submissions on a letter quality typewriter or printer, please do so using a 55 space line. This will make layout much easier. Thanks.

EDITORIAL POLICY

We may edit any article submitted for length or content. We ask that all articles submitted be signed and typed, but will respect the wishes of the author by not printing her name if so requested.

---SNAPPLE uses Rush Limbaugh for their advertising. To protest, send letters to: Lisa M. Ballas, Marketing Coordinator, Snapple Beverage Corp., P.O. Box 4900, East Meadow, NY 11554-9400 or fax to : (516)-872-4874.

---VISA and AT&T have come out in support of the lesbian and gay market. Both are under fire from the radical right. Call Visa and ask to speak to a supervisor at (800)-336-3386 or write Visa, PO Box 8999, San Francisco, CA 94128. Call AT&T in NJ at (908)-221-4191 or write to AT&T Corporate Headquarters, Room 1-14, 175 Morristown Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

---THE REV. LOU SHELDON, leader of the far-right Traditional Values Coalition, set up a special number so his supporters could call congressional members and express their biased, anti-homosexual political views. Why not use his number to call your congressperson? The number for Capitol Hill is 1-800-768-2221.

---GLENN CLOSE says people are paying too much attention to a kiss she shares with JUDY DAVIS in an upcoming TV movie about a Lesbian in the military...."Serving in Silence", Feb. 6, NBC.

---PRESS RELEASE: Athena Productions is seeking submissions from Lesbian performers and artists for the Midwest Womyn's Autumnfest/September 1995. Submission deadline for performers is 2/15/95, deadline for artists submitting festival logo artwork is 3/95. Athena Productions, 217 S. Second Street, Suite 193, Dekalb Illinois 60115.

This is a one day womyn's festival which will be held on September 23, 1995 in Northern Illinois. For further information, please write/call Athena Production. Phone (815) 758-0739, (708) 786-5377

Book Report...

TRIPLE EXPOSURE is Jackie Calhoun's fifth novel and another masterpiece. As with all her novels, you will need a few free hours, because you will become so involved with the day to day interactions you can't put the book down.

The main character, Nicky, is at a crossroads in her life. She is passionately involved with an old friend, Beth, who is unwilling to leave her husband and son. Nicky's sister comes to live with her, and the parents' financial assistance to keep the sister is much needed during financial problems. The challenge comes in trying to stay in the closet with her family.

Under the pretense of boarding her horse at Nicky's, Meg comes into the story and Nicky's life. The horse disappears under mysterious circumstances. Can they all pull together to find the horse and stop the rustler. You will have to read this one to find out.

- Marcia



MABLE, MABLE, SET THE TABLE

CHOCOLATE FONDUE

(Don't forget, if a chunk of fruit falls into the pot, the one who dropped it must forfeit a kiss.)

1oz. unsweetened chocolate
3/4 cup heavy cream
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
2 tbs. light corn syrup

Chop the unsweetened chocolate in a saucepan, combine the unsweetened chocolate, the cream, chocolate chips and corn syrup over low heat and stir occasionally until melted and smooth. Transfer the chocolate sauce to a fondue pot set over a low flame. Serve with fresh fruit such as strawberries and peaches. Pound cake is great, too.

(Makes 1 and 1/3 cups.)

THE COURT OF FRIENDS

(A singles service)



O.K. all you singles! Here's your opportunity to reach out to other singles. Write out what you want other singles to know about you, what you are looking for in another (be brief), and send to :

The Court of Friends
P.O. Box 1281
Niles, MI 49120

(Be sure to include your address.)

Your identity will be assigned an ID number. Your info and ID number will be published in OPEN ARMS. (It would be helpful if you would send your info early in the month so that it can be published in the next month's issue.)

Also, O.A. reserves the right to edit, if necessary, for publication.

Those wishing to respond to an ID Single may do so by writing whatever you wish, putting it in a stamped, sealed envelope with the intended ID number on the front (in pencil).

Place your message in another stamped envelope and mail to the above P.O. Box.

Upon receiving your message, the ID number will be replaced with the corresponding name and address and mailed. Then you're on your own. COME ON SINGLES! Someone special wants to know you're out there!

COURT OF FRIENDS SINGLES

#28 Attractive, feminine, white female, 25. Non-smoker, non-drinker. Interests include: music, movies, summer sports, beaches, candle-making, church and the list goes on. Seeking 25-40-feminine female with similar interests. Children okay.

#29 Hi there, this 32 year old, 5'2", brown hair, hazel eyed, full-figured female is looking for an honest friendship or possible serious relationship. I drink socially and smoke. Enjoy auto racing, movies, playing cards, long walks, quiet evenings at home, plus much more. Kids must be ok and no drugs.

RULES FOR BEING HUMAN

The author of this article is unknown. In fact, this article was found on the refrigerator of someone's home in Toronto; by the time I received it, no one knows where it came from. I hope you enjoy it, as much as I have.

1. You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period this time around.
2. You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in a full-time informal school called life. Each day in this school, you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid.
3. There are no mistakes, only lessons. Growth is a process of trial and error and experimentation. The "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately "works".
4. A lesson is repeated until it is learned. A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson.
5. Learning lessons does not end. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons. If you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.
6. "There" is no better place than "here". When your "there" has become a "here", you will simply obtain another "there" that will, again, look better than "here".
7. Others are merely mirrors of you. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects something you love or hate about yourself.
8. What you make of your life is up to you. You have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.
9. Your answers lie inside you. The answers to life's questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen, and trust.
10. You will forget all this.

Submitted by: Cathy Lambert, ACSW, CCSW

Do You Know...

What pseudonym did Judy Grahm use to write a pro-homosexual article for "Sexology" in 1964?

Answer: Carol Silver



IT'S YOUR FRIENDLY EDITORIAL QUEER RIGHTS NOW!

Lavender Morning

"We want Portage Northern to have an atmosphere of respect and tolerance." Tolerance, eh? No racial remarks, no offensive sexist comments, we won't accept any degradation of someone's religious beliefs, but let's just shut up and try to ignore the issue of sexuality. Touchy subject...*real* touchy. What happens when you hear or read words like: homosexuality, bisexuality, queer, gay, or lesbian? Do you start snickering? Nervously giggling? Go ahead, say it-- "This article is about FAGGOTS." Oooo. Or just blow it off and nonchalantly say, "I'm not reading this, it's gay." In either case your remarks are completely inappropriate, offensive, and disgusting.

If someone called someone else a nigger or a kyke in class, they would be suspended from one to ten days, and they would probably have their face bloodied and rearranged on the spot. Everyday, though students maliciously assault other students with words like faggot, and fairy. When the band marched through the hallway on the day of the Homecoming pep assembly whole classrooms roared, "Band Fags!" This happens so often that many times the attacker doesn't even realize what s/he said. The faculty does recognize it. The faculty does, however, almost always ignores it.

The time has come for this inconsistency to be dealt with. It makes no difference that the school's population may be divided over the issue of it "Gay is okay." It makes no difference that "concerned parents" don't think it is appropriate for homosexuality to be discussed in school. Bigotry is bigotry, and bigotry has no place in public education.

It doesn't stop with name calling. The whole secondary education system is lacking in sensitivity,

understanding, and support of queer students and faculty--not to mention factual, non-biased education about homosexuality. That eighth grade teacher who turned bright red when he whispered a quick definition of homosexuality and then quickly moved on to "reproduction" simply is not going to cut it anymore.

Homosexuality deserves a place in public education. An incredible percentage of the world's population has a warped and narrow conception of sexuality. Past experience has shown that education is the only way to truly get past stereotypes and the inherent bigotry created by them.

It seems that many students, males for the most part, feel threatened by homosexuals. This mostly stems from their own macho insecurity, but it also has a lot to do with stereotypes of gays being psycho-perverts always on the look-out for some cute hetero boys.

Consider how you, as a straight person, would feel about yourself if your entire life was spent in a world of homosexuals. Every TV show would be about same sex couples, and boys would be sucking tongue with other boys in the hallway between classes. The only time kids your age would mention the way you are, something you didn't pick to be, would be to make jokes about the sick things "those people" do.

Continuing with this role reversal, ask yourself a few questions prepared by psychologist Martin Rochlin, PH.D.:

- 1) What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
- 2) Is it possible that it is just a phase you may grow out of?
- 3) 95% of child molesters are heterosexual. Do you really consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexual teachers?
- 4) Why do you insist on making such a spectacle of your heterosexuality? Can't you just be what you are and keep it to yourself?

The heterosexuals of the world have absolutely no right to force their lifestyles and beliefs on homo- and bisexuals, just as whites never have and never will have any right to subjugate blacks to their control, or vice versa. They have no right and yet they continue, unchecked, to do that very thing.

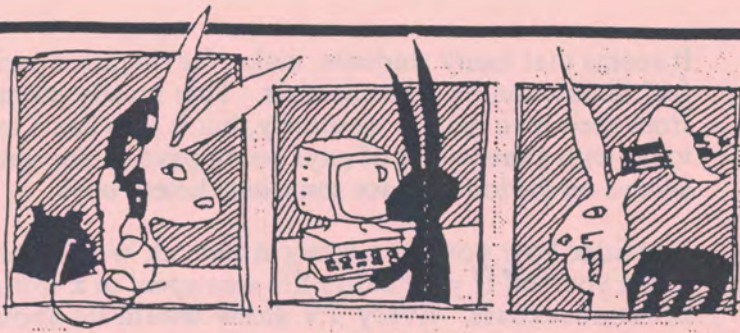
Is it going to take a movement as large and violent as the civil rights movement to create a world where people aren't murdered for having the audacity to love someone? Certainly, we all hope not. However, if that is the only means possible, bring it on.

The time and place for gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights is here and now. Homophobia will not be condoned anymore.

Opinion, The Northern Light 10/94; 2.

 Osa Johnson

Johnson, a wildlife photographer, conducted a number of pioneering forays into Africa and Polynesia between 1910 and 1937 that make modern clich'es associated with early jungle expeditions look tame by comparison. During one harrowing encounter in the South Seas, she and her traveling companion were actually captured by a group of quite genuine cannibals. The natives were eventually won over by her hastily developed photographs of tribe members.



If this ad caught your attention... good. Then it succeeded.. Consider....

What
Lin Hoppel Communications
Can Do For You, Too

Marketing plans, ad campaigns, consumer research, newsletters, brochures, logos, speeches, business letters and reports, even videos. We'll quickly determine your needs and give you a free estimate.. Think about it!

Call/fax: 616.663.8759
P.O. Box 111 ▾ Edwardsburg ▾ MI 49112

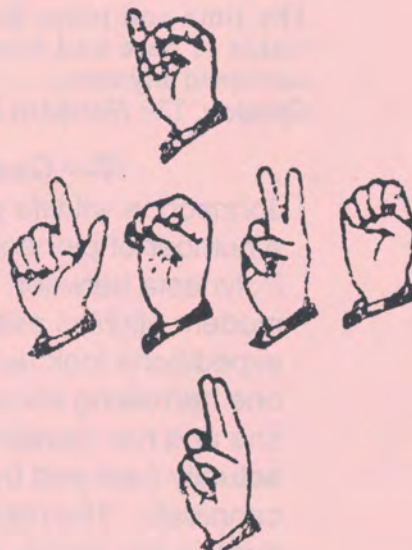
DANCE REVIEW Lavender Morning

The first WOMYN'S DANCE held on December 10, sponsored by HaleyHeskett Enterprises (Kindred Spirit Banquet Hall) has been declared an unqualified success by this writer and over 100 other wimmin!!!

Great Music - Great Dancing - Yummy Food - Smoke Free - Clean - Cool (unless you were one of the wimmin who danced every dance) - **Open Bar - Convenient Parking**

Haley-Heskett Enterprises is planning to hold monthly wimmin only dances at the Kindred Spirit Banquet Hall. The hall is located at 3416 Lake Street in Kalamazoo (1 1/2 blocks West of Sprinkle Road).

Call (616)-373-8799 for information on the next dance. Let's get together and dance the night away.
Danene Hummel



Cathy Lambert A.C.S.W., C.C.S.W.
COUNSELING & PSYCHOTHERAPY

Psychiatric Services Integrated
Telephone (219) 271-0702

425 Park Pl. Circle
Mishawaka, IN 46545



Solas
Chairs
Fabrics
Refinishing

Custom Upholstery and Design

(219) 272-6194

Sandy Berta - Owner

Premier Properties
Real Estate Services



P.O. Box 1173
Goshen, IN 46527

"Talk to Tina"

Tina Weldy, GRI, CRS
Broker/Owner

Specializing in Elkhart
County Residential
Properties



Office/Fax: (219) 534-8484
Residence: (219) 534-TINA

ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertising in Open Arms runs on a calendar year basis and our advertisers will be receiving renewal notices soon. Since our rates are so low (\$10 per year, or more if you can afford it, for a business-card size ad) we don't pro-rate the fee on a less than 6 month basis. If you submit your ad between January and June, the full year rate will apply; between July and December the rate will be half the yearly rate.



DRIFT-WOODS COTTAGES

Two-bedroom and one-bedroom cottages available on Lake Michigan, ten minutes south of Saugatuck, Michigan. The cottages are open year around, are fully furnished, have well-equipped kitchens, and linens and towels are provided for bedroom and bath. The living rooms have gas log fireplaces. Gas grills are provided for outdoor barbeques. The beach is accessible via stairs. Hiking trails, sand dunes, cross-country skiing, shops galleries, restaurants, antique shopping nearby. Call Susan for weekend, mid-week, weekly visits at (616) 857-2586.

*New Opening in June - a new women's guesthouse!
Call about special pre-opening rates in May.
Back now for Holland Michigan Tulip Festival, May 4th-14th.*

Saugatuck on the river...

DEERPATH LODGE

... an enchanting retreat

Deerpath Lodge sits atop a dune overlooking the Kalamazoo River. Surrounding evergreens, oaks, and an extensive wildflower garden provide a rustic charm. The river and 45 acres seclude our private retreat from public access. Saugatuck, the infamous art colony, and mecca of innovative shops and restaurants is just five minutes by car, longer by boat. We offer three spacious guest rooms, each with private bath; one with kitchenette. A wholesome breakfast is provided.

Guest Rooms For Women

For Reservations & Information:
P O Box 849 Saugatuck, Michigan 49453
1-616-857-DEER



LU ELLEN BROWN
WIRE WRAPPED JEWELRY

(616) 684-6365

MARY P. BOTTUM

Attorney-at-Law

*Wills
Powers-of-Attorney
Relationship Contracts*

(219) 234-5986

SuzAnne Lintz
Loan Officer
...and Customer Service

Precedent Financial Corporation

Office 219-277-0800
FAX 219-277-0541

1-800-500-1732
3900 Edison Lake Pkwy., Suite 110
Mishawaka, IN 46545





HUGHES INVESTMENTS

PENNY HUGHES
Real Estate Broker

Bus. (219) 259-5641 Res. (219) 291-2342
Fax (219) 259-5643 (219) 291-2482

ANNE V. WHITCOMB M.A.

Counseling for Growth & Health



30907 CR 16 West
Elkhart, Indiana 46516

(219) 674-6957

Marge & Joanne's Bed & Breakfast

Catering especially to Women
Located within the
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park

P.O. Box 457
Glen Arbor, MI 49636
(616) 334-3346



February 1995

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
			1 NOW Meeting St. Joe Library 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4																																																																																				
5	6	7 Support Group 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Video Night Niles 7:00 p.m.	11																																																																																				
12 Open Arms Mtg. 4:30 p.m.	13	14 Support Group 7:00 p.m.	15 Reservations due for 3rd Friday Out	16	17 Third Friday Out 7:00 p.m.	18																																																																																				
19	20	21 Support Group 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25																																																																																				
26 PFLAG Meeting 2:00-4:00 p.m.	27	28 Support Group 7:00 p.m.	January <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> March <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td></tr> </table>				S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					S	M	T	W	T	F	S			1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7																																																																																				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14																																																																																				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21																																																																																				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28																																																																																				
29	30	31																																																																																								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																				
		1	2	3	4																																																																																					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11																																																																																				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18																																																																																				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25																																																																																				
26	27	28	29	30	31																																																																																					

Printed by Calendar Creator Plus on 1/25/95

Subscription for Open Arms - \$10.00/year



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Make checks payable to Open Arms and mail it to:
Open Arms, P.O. 845, Mishawaka, IN 46546

MISSION STATEMENT

Open Arms exists to disseminate diverse information of interest to the Michiana lesbian community.

OPEN ARMS DEADLINE/MEETING

The deadline for submissions for the March *Open Arms* is February 10th. Submissions can be mailed to Open Arms, P. O. Box 845, Mishawaka, IN 46546 or given to Sheree or Kaye. Submissions received after February 10th may not be published in the March newsletter. Newsletter meeting: Sunday, February 11th, 1995. Call 271-0338 for directions.